

## Two more deals for Halton teachers



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The Halton District School Board met in a special session. last night to deal with a tentative agreement reached with its 1,600 elementary teachers following marathon bargaining sessions last week The teachers, members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, are expected to vote on the pact later this week.

Although no details of the deal will be released until its been ratified, part of the negotiations included decreasing teacher preparation time to 140 minutes a week from 180, along with salaries, benefits and class size.

Elementary teachers have refused voluntary activities since 90 per cent them voted to strike last month. The work-to-rule campaign cancelled extra curricular activities and meet-the- teacher nights, which will be rescheduled.

The Halton public board also approved a tentative deal worked out last week with its 900 secondary school teachers, who voted on the pact on Tuesday. Details of that twoyear contract haven't been made public, but no other local has signed a deal that includes the teachers teaching an extra class over the school year - a major stumbling block in contract talks across the province.

Halton's high school teachers have also refused voluntary activities during the dispute and took part in rotating strikes. If the deal is accepted, teachers will resume extra curricular activities as soon as possible, except for football because

the deadline for beginning that season has passed.

It's expected that league games for field hockey, girls' basketball and boys' volleyball can be played and Halton may still be able to join On-tario Federation of Secondary School Athletics meets for both basketball and volleyball.

Talks between the Halton Catholic District School Board and its secondary teachers are expected to resume this week after several long sessions late last week. The Catholic high school teachers are the only ones in Halton without a deal. They've been refusing to teach the provincially mandated extra class since school began.

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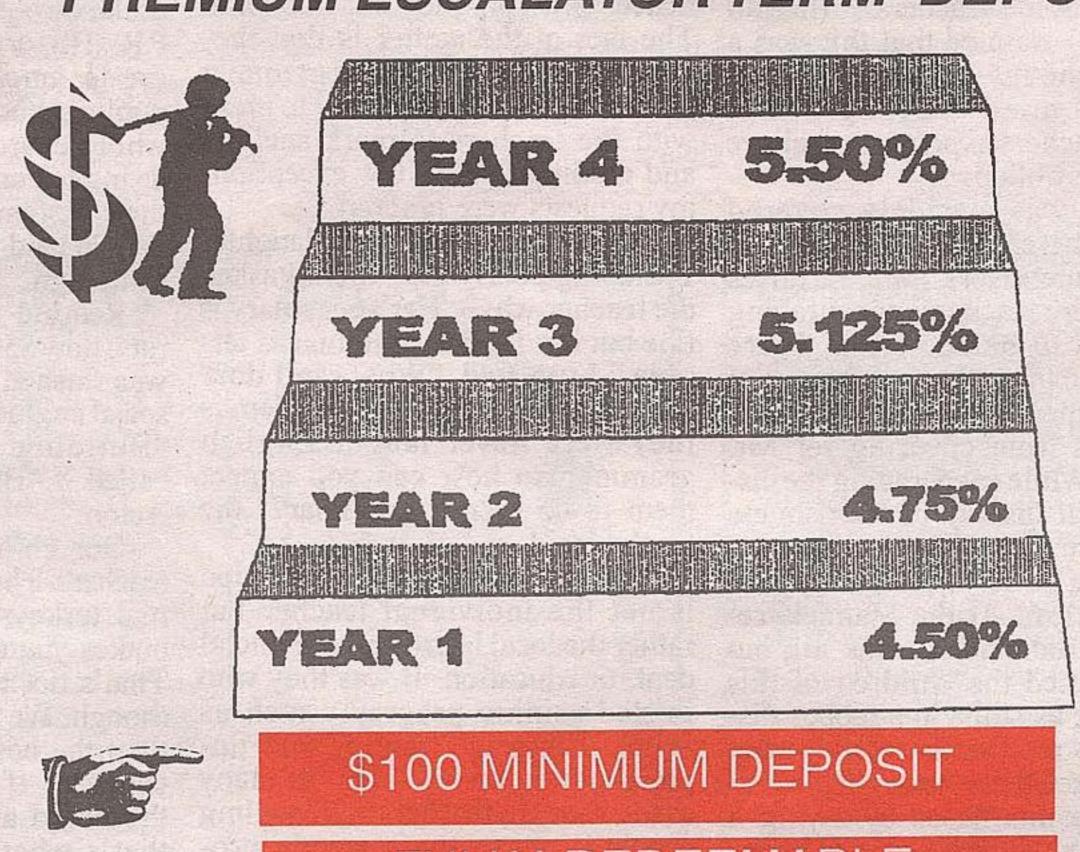
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